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BWEEEEEEEEN!

PHEW, PEARL REALLY PUSHED US HARD IN THAT TRAINING SESSION.

YEAH, I DIDN'T THINK WE'D MAKE IT WHEN THOSE HOLO-PEARLS TEAMED UP AGAINST US.

BUT WE MADE IT!

YEAH, GOOD TEAMWORK OUT THERE TODAY, JAM BUD!

FRIENDSHIP!

OH! I ALMOST COMPLETELY FORGOT!

I STILL HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT TO FINISH FOR MY BIOLOGY CLASS!

WE'RE LEARNING ABOUT FIELD RESEARCH!

SEE, SOME BIOLOGISTS DO FIELDWORK, WHICH MEANS THEY GO OUT INTO THE FIELD, OBSERVE ANIMALS IN THEIR NATURAL STATE, AND TAKE NOTES WITH DRAWINGS AND WRITING.

SO FOR OUR ASSIGNMENT, WE WERE TOLD TO DO THE SAME THING!

FIND SOME LOCAL ANIMALS IN THE WILD AND TAKE FIELD NOTES.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT STUDYING ANIMALS?

WHO NEEDS TO GO OUT AND LOOK FOR ANIMALS TO STUDY WHEN YOU CAN HAVE ANY ANIMAL YOU WANT RIGHT HERE?

SOMETHING FIERCE!

OR SOMETHING ELEGANT!

OR MAYBE SOMETHING MORE SIMPLE AND FAMILIAR.

SO, GOT A REQUEST IN PARTICULAR?

WHAT'S YOUR FANCY?

OH, UM, THANK YOU FOR THE OFFER AMETHYST...

BUT FOR THIS I REALLY NEED GO OUT AND STUDY ACTUAL ANIMALS.

COME ON STEVEN!

WE'VE GOT TO HEAD OUT NOW IF I'M GOING TO GET THIS DONE BY THE END OF TODAY.

I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

BYE, AMETHYST!

WE'LL BE BACK LATER!

ACTUAL ANIMALS, HUH?

GUESS I JUST NEED TO SHOW THEM HOW CONVINCING I CAN BE!

HMMM... WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD ANIMAL TO START WITH...

HERE, STEVEN!

TAKE THESE BINOCULARS AND LOOK AROUND FOR ANY POTENTIAL CANDIDATES WE COULD OBSERVE.

OKIE DOKE!

HMMM...

SEAGULLS SEEM LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO START!

THEY'RE PRETTY COMMON AND NOT TOO SCARED OF PEOPLE. A PERFECT FIRST CHOICE FOR THIS STUDY!

WHAT ABOUT...

...SEAGULLS?

THIS WILL MAKE FOR A GOOD HIDING SPOT TO WATCH THEM WITHOUT DISTURBING THEM.

NOW, IF ONLY THEY WOULD LAND NEARBY...

I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

CHAAAAPS

WAIT!

IT MIGHT INTERFERE WITH WATCHING THEM IN THEIR NATURAL BEHAVIOR IF WE FEED THEM HUMAN FOOD.

BUT DON'T SEAGULLS EAT HUMAN FOOD AND TRASH ALL THE TIME?

WELL...I GUESS YOU'RE NOT WRONG.

SEAGULLS ARE NATURAL SCAVENGERS...

BUT ONLY THIS ONE TIME!

Toss!

THIS IS GREAT!

AT THIS RATE, I'LL GET THIS ASSIGNMENT DONE IN NO TIME.

SQUAWK!

SQUAWK!

HEHE

AMETHYST?!

W--WHY DID YOU CHASE THOSE SEAGULLS AWAY?

WELL, SINCE YOU GUYS INSISTED ON GOING OUTSIDE AND DOING YOUR ASSIGNMENT THE HARD WAY...

I FIGURED I'D MEET YOU HALFWAY AND JOIN YOU GUYS OUT HERE!

AND, WELL, GUESS SINCE I'M THE BEST AND ONLY SEAGULL HERE, YOU GUYS HAVE TO STUDY ME FOR YOUR PROJECT.

I MEAN, YOU MAY LOOK LIKE A SEAGULL BUT YOU DON'T ACT LIKE THEY DO.

GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER SUBJECT FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT...

I'M ON IT!

SIGH

I DON'T WANT TO REJECT AMETHYST'S HELP, BUT I HAVE TO FOLLOW THE RULES MY TEACHER GAVE OUR CLASS.

I WISH AMETHYST UNDERSTOOD THAT...

HAHA YEAH, BUT AMETHYST'S NEVER REALLY BEEN ONE TO FOLLOW RULES.

I'M SURE SHE JUST WANTS TO HELP.

YEAH, I'M SURE HER, UH, GEM'S IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

BUT I NEED TO GET THIS DONE TODAY AND THAT WON'T HAPPEN IF SHE KEEPS TRYING TO HELP.

OH! CONNIE!

THERE'S A CRAB OVER THERE! WOULD THAT WORK FOR YOUR PROJECT?

YES!

LET'S FOLLOW IT!

THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM!

THIS WILL BE GREAT FOR STUDYING THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CRABS OF THE SAME SPECIES!

OH LOOK!

THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

SCRUTTLE SCRUTTLE

GRAB

FLIP

YEP! IT'S AMETHYST.

ALRIGHT ALRIGHT! YOU CAUGHT ME.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? I THOUGHT I WAS A PRETTY CONVINCING CRAB.

YES, BUT YOU STILL AREN'T A CRAB.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW THEY NORMALLY BEHAVE AND WHY.

AND THAT'S WHAT THIS ASSIGNMENT IS ABOUT: STUDYING ANIMALS IN THE WILD TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM.

THOSE WERE THE RULES, AT LEAST.

WELL RULES STINK!

UGH! I GET IT, ALRIGHT?

YOU DON'T WANT MY HELP, AND MY SHAPE-SHIFTING ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU!

AMETHYST, WAIT!

UUUUUUUUGH...

PWHUMP

WHY DO THE RULES MATTER SO MUCH?

RULES ARE DUMB! I JUST WANTED TO HELP THOSE TWO OUT!

AND MAYBE SHOW OFF A LITTLE...

OW!

WHAT? AN ACORN?

HUH?

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!?

MMM, MAYBE CONNIE'S GOT A POINT...

I CAN LOOK LIKE THESE GUYS, BUT EVEN THEN ALL I CAN DO IS SCARE THEM AWAY.

I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO GET ALONG LIKE THEY DO.

MAYBE I CAN TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

MAN, THIS THING IS A LOT BIGGER AT THIS SIZE.

UH, I THINK YOU GUYS DROPPED THIS OR SOMETHING?

HFF HFF

UUUH HEY THERE BUDDY...

ALRIGHT THIS IS GETTING A LITTLE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT...

NFF

NFF

NFF

OH! THAT'S BETTER.

Y'KNOW, YOU GUYS AREN'T SO BAD!

LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN!

HOW DO YOU GUYTH OPEN THEESH WITH JUST YOUR TEEF?

MAN, THIS IS SOOO COZY.

YOU GUYS REALLY GET HOW GREAT SLEEPING IS!

UNLIKE PEARL AND GARNET HAHA.

HAHA! CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!

CRACK

CRUD...

AAHH!!

OOF!

PLOP!

OH! AMETHYST!

YOU'RE BACK!

HAHA YEP...

WERE YOU STILL TRYING TO HELP WITH CONNIE'S ASSIGNMENT?

NO! NO... IT WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE THIS TIME.

I GET IT NOW. I DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING, OR SOMETIMES ANYTHING, ABOUT THE LIVES OF ANIMALS I TRANSFORM INTO.

I CAN MIMIC THEM, BUT IT'S NOT AUTHENTIC.

AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING TO USE IN YOUR REPORT THINGY.

SO UH, SORRY FOR EARLIER AND STUFF.

WE'RE SORRY TOO.

YEAH, I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS.

AW SHUCKS, YOU FLATTER ME.

YOUR SHAPESHIFTING IS INCREDIBLE!

IT'S JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN HELP WITH WHAT I'M WORKING ON.

I WILL ADMIT, IT HAS BEEN TRICKY GETTING A CLOSE ENOUGH LOOK AT ANIMALS TO TAKE NOTES.

YEAH YOU CAN SEE THEM THROUGH THE BINOCULARS, BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME.

I THINK THERE'S A WAY I CAN HELP WITH THAT!

WAIT, I THOUGHT WE JUST--

GIVE ME A SEC! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

HEY YOU SQUIRREL GUYS SHOULD TOTALLY COME MEET MY FRIENDS DOWN THERE!

JUST FOLLOW ME!

OH! WELL HELLO THERE!

HAHA YEAH, I MADE FRIENDS WITH THESE GUYS EARLIER!

THEY KINDA HELPED ME UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO ME THE WHOLE TIME.

WOW! THEY'RE SO CUTE!

I GUESS YOUR SHAPESHIFTING WAS THE SOLUTION AFTER ALL!

YEAH!

I JUST HAD TO FIGURE OUT THE RIGHT WAY TO USE IT HAHA!

I'M GOING TO HAVE THE BEST FIELD NOTES IN CLASS!

THE END

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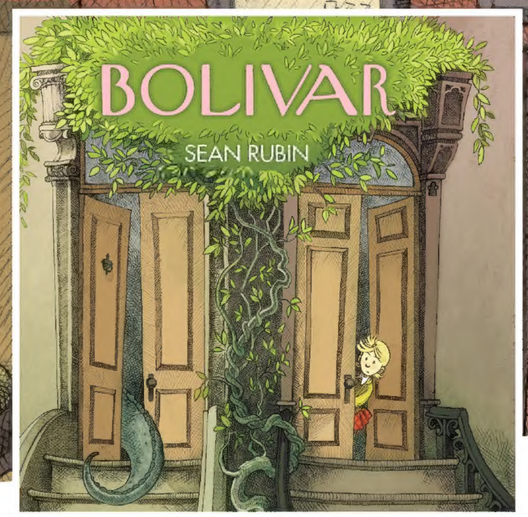
MEET THE DINOSAUR NEXT DOOR
BOLIVAR

Sybil knows that there is something off about her next-door neighbor, but she can't seem to get anyone to believe her. Everyone is so busy going about their days in the busy streets of New York City that they don't notice Bolivar. They don't notice his odd height, his tiny arms, or his long tail. No one but Sybil sees that Bolivar is a dinosaur!



Bolivar HC
Sean Rubin

Sean Rubin
Writer/Artist

Where did the inspiration for *Bolivar* come from?

I had (and still have) a toy dinosaur that my cousin Eddie named Bolivar. Bolivar used to have all sorts of adventures, and then one day he became the mayor of New York City. I thought that was a funny idea, so I started writing a book about it. I soon realized that if there was a dinosaur in New York City, no one would actually notice it... at least not for a while. I was so excited by that idea, that I started over again and wrote (and illustrated) a book around that.

Why is there a dinosaur living in New York?

New York is amazing, among many reasons, because when you go outside and into the city, you can disappear—into a crowd, into a park, into a museum. E.B. White said that, if you want it, New York can give you the gifts of loneliness and privacy. Bolivar definitely values his privacy, but I'm not sure what he thinks about the loneliness. In New York you can be by yourself, but you'll be by yourself in a crowd of eight million people. I think if Bolivar was okay being lonely, he'd live somewhere completely different.

What does *Bolivar* mean to you personally?

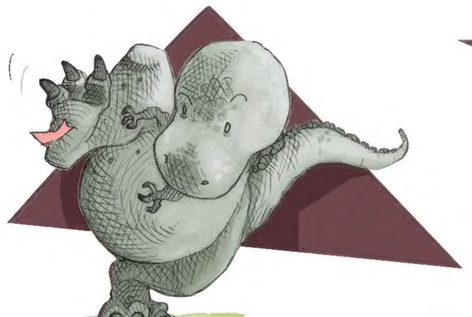
I started the first draft of *Bolivar* thirteen years ago, and started illustrating it about six years ago, so it's been with me for quite a while. In that time I graduated high school, college, moved too many times, got married, and became a parent, twice. I never expected to be reading this story to my own children by the time it was done. Life can be surprising like that.

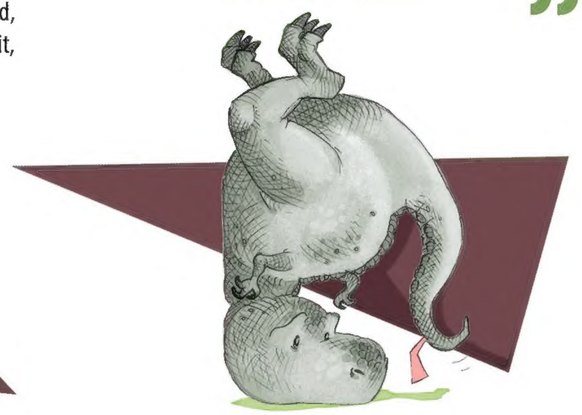
> "...BEING KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD IS SOMETHING THAT ALL PEOPLE, AND DINOSAURS, WANT VERY MUCH."

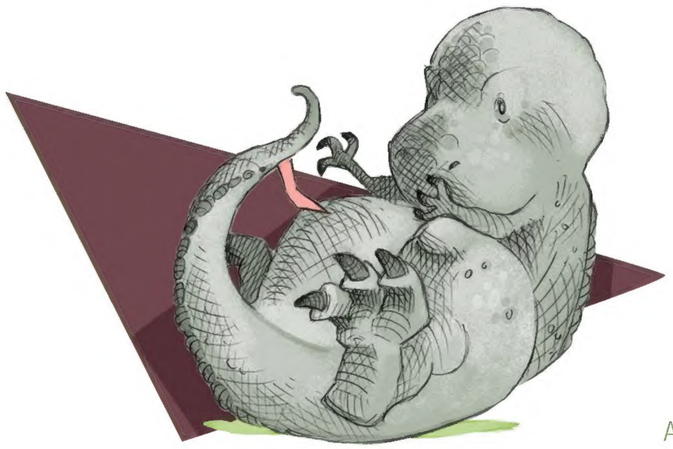
What do you hope fans take away from reading *Bolivar*?

Bolivar is an unusual book in that it takes the visual vocabulary of picture books and newspaper comic strips to create something that's probably a graphic novel, but may also be a "chapter picture book." I hope *Bolivar* challenges people to think about what's possible with illustrated stories once we stop worrying about these categories. We work in the best medium in the world, and we have so many stories to tell, and so many ways to tell them.

More importantly, I think everyone knows something about themselves that they're afraid to share with others for fear of being rejected, or worse. I hope this book encourages people to take a chance with one another. After all, being known and understood is something that all people, and dinosaurs, want very much. ■







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